



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 5

Meeting Date: February 23, 2007

Meeting Location: Tippecanoe County Office
Department of Child Services
111 N 4th Street
Lafayette, IN

Council Members Present: Gilbert Smith, Regional Manager; Janis Mullen, Director Carroll and Clinton County DCS; Elva James, Director Benton County DCS; Barbara Bedrick, Director White County DCS; Judge Rader by Proxy Linda Akers, Warren County; Cathy Booe, FCM Supervisor, Fountain County and Kathy Shank, FCM Carroll County.

Council Members Absent: Coleen Hamrick, CASA Director, Tippecanoe County; and Judge Henderson, Fountain County.

Others In Attendance: Angela Smith Grossman, Director Tippecanoe County; Cindy Mason, Director Fountain County DCS; Jackie Agee, Regional Supervisor, Whites Residential; Shaye Isaacs, Robin Cruz and Maurice Hibbler from Wernle; Tracy Hopkins, State Program Manager on Practice Reform and Becky Kirkham, Program Director.

<h3>Meeting Minutes</h3>

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:30 am

1. Mentoring - Gil began the meeting with a review of a Child Welfare Services State Funds report from Celia Laird. We are going to request \$30,000 for Heartford House, \$20,000 for foster care support and \$50,000 for the development and start up of mentoring programs. This is a request from a small amount of money that has been held in reserve in Central Office. Motion to approve was made by Elva James, seconded by Linda Akers. All approved. Motion passed.
2. Membership – We have a foster parent vacancy on the Council due to Deann Beery resigning. We will probably fill this with a foster parent from Tippecanoe County. Gil is going to follow up with Coleen Hamrick, our current CASA member to see if she will be able to attend the meetings. If

this isn't possible for her and she is unable to send a proxy we will look at replacing her with a CASA who will be able to attend. There is also legislation pending to add a County Council member and a parent to the Regional Service Council.

3. Practice Reform Overview – Tracy Hopkins presented an overview of Practice Reform and Family Team Meetings. She and Becky Kirkham also stayed after the meeting to further discuss with Directors how Practice Reform will work. Region 5 is set to begin training in March.
4. Angela Smith Grossman submitted a request for Child Welfare Service Allocations. She requested funds for Community Family Resource Center for the following programs:

Emergency Case Management Services-Hispanic Outreach - \$10,750

Triangle Park - \$20,800

Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Group - \$5000

Grandparent Support Group - \$5000 (other counties will be able to access this)

She also requested funding for the following:

Wabash Valley Hospital – Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Group – \$10,000

Heartford House Child Advocacy Center - \$25,000

Stop Child Abuse and Neglect Summit sub-committee – Health Group \$5000

For a total of \$81,550. Motion to approve made by Barb Bedrick, seconded by Elva James. All approved. Motion passed.

5. Barb Bedrick requested \$1000 to replenish supplies for the office such as head lice supplies, boric acid, etc. Motion to approve made by Elva James, seconded by Jan Mullen. All approved. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location: Friday, April 27, 2007 at 8:30 am at the Tippecanoe County Department of Child Services.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:00 am.